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### CALIFORNIA'S MEDICAL QUOTA FOR ARMED FORCES: FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR McNUTT'S REMARKS AT A.M.A. SESSION

**Press Dispatches Concerning Administrator McNutt's Speech.**—At the Atlantic City session of the American Medical Association on Monday evening, June 8th, and again on Tuesday morning, Hon. Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator—appointed by President Roosevelt as Director of the U. S. Office of Defense, Health, and Welfare Services—appeared before the A.M.A. House of Delegates, and his remarks received national publicity through the press associations. After perusal of some of the dispatches, a considerable number of physicians felt aggrieved, forgetting probably, that what was especially irritating was not so much what Mr. McNutt said but, rather, the headlines employed by local editors to introduce his comments. The remarks made by Administrator McNutt, as head of the Federal Procurement and Assignment Service, appeared in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of June 20th, and physicians who are interested should take time to read what he there stated concerning Army, industrial and civilian medical-needs. His statement, "The Army and Navy and war industry areas have not gotten the doctors they need," may be said in a few words to have formed the basis of his other remarks, and should and will be pondered by all citizen groups, physicians included.\*

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**A Telegram to Major Seeley, Executive Officer.**—The editor was among those present at Atlantic City and heard Mr. McNutt's speeches; and in order to make certain that he had not misunderstood some of the figures presented by Mr. McNutt and his representatives, the following wire was sent to Major Sam F. Seeley, Executive Officer of the Federal Procurement and Assignment Service:

(Copy of Telegram)

WESTERN UNION

June 19, 1942.

Major Sam F. Seeley,  
601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

To emphasize Mr. McNutt's Atlantic City re-

\* For some press clippings, see in this issue, on page 97.

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The method about to be described is simple, inexpensive and efficient; so simple, in fact, that the same idea must have occurred to others. But there are still those who occasionally find themselves in the embarrassing position of not having enough hands for the many tasks which arise during the course of an intravenous anesthetic, and it is for these that this suggestion is intended.

Four strips of adhesive are prepared before the anesthetic is begun; one strip about 2" x 18", and the other three about 1" x 6". The first strip firmly binds the patient's arm to the arm-board, and is placed over the wrist so that both flexion and rotary motion of the arm is impossible. After the initial injection is made, a second strip is placed over the hub of the needle to anchor it in place. The third strip is placed along the barrel and plunger of the syringe, to prevent blood from backing up into the solution. The syringe is then elevated, to produce the correct amount of angulation, and supported with a sponge, and the fourth strip of adhesive then binds the barrel of the syringe to the patient's arm.

In this way the syringe is bound firmly to the patient's arm, and the anesthetist can safely leave the syringe from time to time to regulate the patient's airway, administer oxygen if necessary, observe the vital signs and refill his own syringes. The adhesive strip running along the plunger of the syringe can be easily lifted and replaced for injections.

1401 So. Hope Street.

#### *A Surgeon's Prayer in Wartime*

God of Battle, grant that the wounded may swiftly arrive at their hospital haven, so that the safeguards of modern surgery may surround them, to the end that their pain is assuaged and their broken bodies are mended.

Grant me as a surgeon, gentle skill and intelligent foresight to bar the path to such sordid enemies as shock, hemorrhage and infection.

Give me plentifully of the blood of their non-combatant fellow man, so that their vital fluid may be replaced and thus make all the donor people realize that they, too, have given their life's blood in a noble cause.

Give me the instruments of my calling so that my work may be swift and accurate; but provide me with resourceful ingenuity so that I may do without bounteous supplies.

Strengthen my hand, endow me with valiant energy to go on through day and night; and keep my heart and brain attuned to duty and great opportunity.

Let me never forget that a life or a limb is in my keeping and do not let my judgment falter.

Enable me to give renewed courage and hope to the living and comfort to the dying.

Let me never forget that in the battles to be won, I too must play my part, to the glory of a great calling and as a follower of the Great Physician. Amen.

Christmas night, 1941.

John J. Moorhead, Col., M.C., in Hawaii M.J.

1:157 (January) 1942.

Diagnosis is to disease what harmony is to music: any discord is fatal.

When the proper technique is patiently pursued the diagnosis makes itself.

Without a correct diagnosis, therapy is blind and often harmful.

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